

McCord Museum ignores native rights

by Jeanne Iribarne

Despite the resignation of its honorary curator, McGill's McCord Museum refuses to observe the boycott of a Shell Canada-sponsored exhibit of native artifacts in a Calgary museum.

The Lubicon Lake band called for the boycott because Shell Canada, which contributes \$4 million to Calgary's Glenbow museum, is also exploring the traditional homeland of the Lubicon band, about 100km northeast of the Peace River, for oil and gas deposits. The band currently has no reserve land of its own.

McCord's Board of Directors has arranged to loan the Glenbow Museum 37 artifacts for its exhibit 'The Spirit Sings', which it is presenting in conjunction with the 1988 Winter Olympics. Last week, the board voted to continue with the loan despite the objections of McGill Anthropology professor Bruce Trigger.

Trigger, who became honorary curator two years ago, resigned his position over the incident. "I feel I must do so because much of my work has been involved with informing people of the injustices against native peoples," he said.

Lubicon band chief Bernard Ominayak said in a letter to Trig-

ger, "Calgary's Glenbow Museum is owned and controlled by interests which are seeking to destroy the Lubicon people in order to be able to steal traditional Lubicon lands and the valuable gas and oil resources which those lands contain."

The boycott of the exhibit and the 1988 Winter Olympics is supported by many other native organizations, including the Indian Association of Alberta, the Métis Association of Alberta, the United Native Nations, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake and the Native Council of Canada, as well as Harvard's Peabody Museum, the Museum of the American Indian in New York and the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in Cambridge.

"As a cultural institution, we had to decide what our mandate is," said Marcel Caya, Director General of the McCord. "And in negating the loan, we would be neglecting our mandate, which is to make these artifacts available."

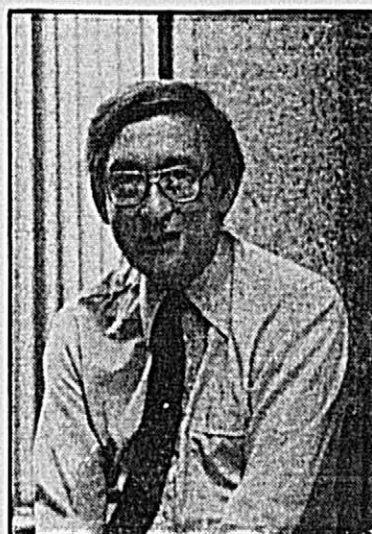
"In 1986, it was agreed by (the International Commission of Museums) that native artifacts should not be loaned in situations where they prejudice local native interests," Trigger said. The interests of the Lubicon people, who have been trying for 47 years to persuade both the federal and Alberta governments to give them a reserve, would

be prejudiced by such an exhibit, he added.

"(The museums who are boycotting the exhibit) do not have the responsibility to other Canadian museums that we have. They can afford to state things in terms of principles," Caya said.

"When you invest four million in a field which is so underfunded, we cannot morally put everything into question," said Caya. "Should there be a settlement (with the Lubicon band) two weeks from now, would the boycott still be on?"

While the artifacts are already in Calgary, Trigger hasn't given up. "My own feeling is that such an action should still be taken, given the seriousness of the situation," he said.



Professor Bruce Trigger.

"What you now have is a population that is certifiably malnour-

ished. I mean one quarter of the Lubicon population has tuberculosis, and this is almost certainly related to the fact that there is none of the meat of their traditional diet available to them. The game has all been killed off," he said.

"It is our responsibility to support this boycott," he said, calling the exhibit a "romantic glorification of Indian culture in the face of the reality of the Lubicon people."

In his letter of resignation to the McCord, he wrote, "Sensitivity to the use that is made of heritage of the Native Peoples of Canada is especially important. If the treasures of past mean so much to museums, the welfare of the creators' living descendants should mean no less."

Daily Photo—Nancy Bowles

Referenda make Daily, SSMU smile

by Susana Bejar

McGill students voted to pass three of the four referendum questions proposed last week, including the *Daily* fee increase.

The *Daily* increase won with 1093 of 1858 votes and the Students' Society increase of \$3.00 with 1055 of 1948 votes. The constitutional amendment which will increase representation by the student general assembly won with 720 of 1894 votes (568 had no opinion).

The proposed constitutional amendments to increase graduate representation to Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) was defeated, 640 to 479.

"For now everything with respect to post-graduate representation on

the SSMU will remain the same," said Terry Sbrissa, SSMU VP Internal. "But there are going to have to be discussions. Since the proposed amendment was a negotiated settlement to begin with, we might have to go back to the negotiating team. However, any second referendum, if there is one, won't happen until next March."

The *Daily's* fee increase will give the paper around \$10,000 extra per semester, if approved by the McGill Senate and Board of Governors. The vote marks the first time in 12 years that the paper has received an increase in student funds.

The general assemblies constitutional amendment will allow an assembly of 200 or more students to set SSMU policy. Currently, only SSMU council, and campus wide referenda can set policy.

The amendment will take effect as of January 1, 1988. "It is a good addition in the sense that any contentious political issues will have a better forum. It is a step in a more democratic direction," said Sbrissa.

The \$3.00 Students' Society fee increase, which will also have to be approved by the administration, will allow SSMU to increase club funding and student services.

"The changes stated in the 'yes' campaign we'll follow through. Most important, we will not be in deficit this year. The maximum budget for clubs will increase from \$500 to \$700. And hopefully, extra money will be set aside in savings accounts for reserve funds. Also, inflation effects won't hit us again for at least another couple of years," said Sbrissa.

City's heritage land hearings start

by Caroline King

The dispute between the City and McGill over the proposed building of a new athletics complex involves more than simply two thirds of an acre of land.

Hearings on the complex began on October 26. These hearings "aren't on the athletics complex development, they're on establishing a cultural heritage zone," said Bob Dubeau, McGill Athletics Director.

The Advisory Committee of Montréal on the Protection of Cultural Properties proposes to make Mont Royal Park and the area around it a heritage site. This will be "primarily to protect the architectural site of the mountain," said Hubert Simard, Committee President, at Tuesday's hearing.

The Committee recommended special zoning regulations to con-

trol construction, demolition, and all renovations on the site, which includes McGill property.

McGill's administration and students are concerned that these regulations will inhibit McGill's evolution. "The committee ignores McGill's dynamism. The city legislation adds another layer of bureaucracy," said SSMU President Daniel Tenenbaum at Thursday's hearing.

"The bottom line is that we support the objectives of the city, but we suggest that the campuses should have their own zoning regulations. There must be a more efficient way to do this," said Sam Kingdon, Associate Director of Physical Resources. Kingdon presented a brief at the public hearings on behalf of McGill's administration.

Both the Administration and SSMU support the City's inten-

tions to protect the cultural heritage of the mountain. They recommend "a master plan for development, jointly organized between the City and McGill," said Chris Alexander, VP External, at Thursday's hearing.

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Senate sedate on debating research policy

by Megan Parry

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on FAE's surprised a sedate Senate meeting last week when they unfurled a banner protesting military research at McGill.

The banner was folded up soon after, when Principal Johnson threatened to adjourn the meeting.

Senate was discussing an amendment to a proposal to regulate military research, focusing mainly on the amendment's definition of "irresponsible research".

Professor Myrna Gopnik hoped that the university community would "concern itself with the consequences of the research we do here."

Researchers, she said, "should be obliged not only to consider the consequences, but include it in a statement which s/he submits to the Graduate Faculty. This simply follows the notion that s/he be open about what s/he is going to do."

The amendment places the responsibility of determining what constitutes "irresponsible research" with the Vice Principal (Research).

"Since (MacLachlan) has the ultimate responsibility for research at McGill, he should be the one who determines this," continued Gopnik. "He can take advice from whomever he chooses."

Several senators objected to this delegation of authority, among them, Senator Bélanger, who called the amendment "loosely worded" and asked "according to whose standards" the research would be deemed "unacceptable".

Senator Sam Noumoff said "I find it hard to believe that a researcher is going to jeopardize his (or her) position by listing all the consequences of his (or her) re-



Members of McGill's Ad Hoc Cte for Responsible Research protest FAE research at last week's Senate meeting.

search in his (or her) report to the Graduate Faculty."

Noumoff called for the formation of a committee to determine "irresponsible research" to "provide some measure of confidence that

goes beyond the mandate of one individual."

"The larger the input into a decision-making process, the more carefully the issues are consid-

ered," he said. He also wanted to see the motion limited to the examination of military research. His proposal was defeated on the grounds that it would "create further unnecessary bureaucracy."

Following concerns over space problems in certain first year classrooms, Noumoff, chairman of the Political Science department, pointed out the danger that overcrowded classrooms were a fire hazard.

VP Academic, Samuel Freedman replied that "class figures rarely exceed the fire regulations due to the 10-15 per cent absentee rate."

Also discussed was the issue of scholarships and entrance awards granted to McGill students. At present, awards are available to all students, including graduates. According to Senator Galanti, "this doesn't serve the interests of attracting new students to McGill."

The Senate will look into new ways of distributing funds more equitably.

SSMU to join ANEEQ day of action

by Stephanie Lachowicz

The Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) council voted Tuesday night to join other Quebec students in a provincial wide 'day of action' November 12. The day will include a boycott of classes in a province-wide strike and a protest march in Quebec City.

The action is being organized by L'Association nationale des étudiantes et étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ) as part of an ongoing campaign to pressure the provincial government to make public plans for a reform of the loans and bursaries system.

"ANEEQ represents over 200,000 Québec students who are trying to get the government to agree to a timetable of demands. Its important for McGill to stand with them," said Nancy Coté, SSMU External Affairs Committee member.

"One thing we gained with last year's strike were negotiations with the government. We held negotiations all last year but the government couldn't put their plans on the table. A Day of Strike will make [Education Minister Claude Ryan] make a public commitment," said Marie-Josée Latour, a member of the ANEEQ Central Committee.

"I think ANEEQ has done a lot to open themselves to non-member universities. They want to make a united front to present to the gov-

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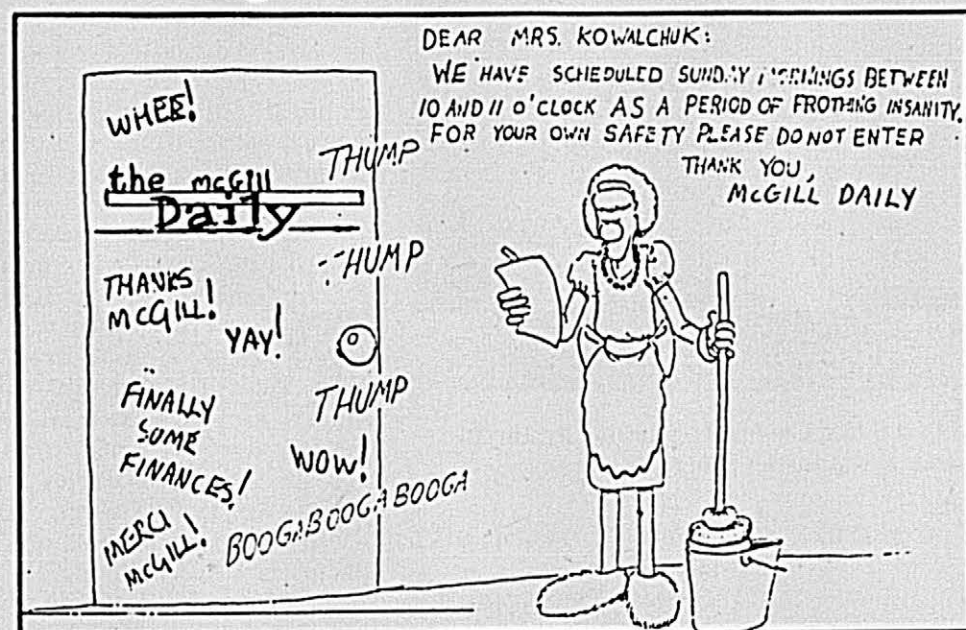
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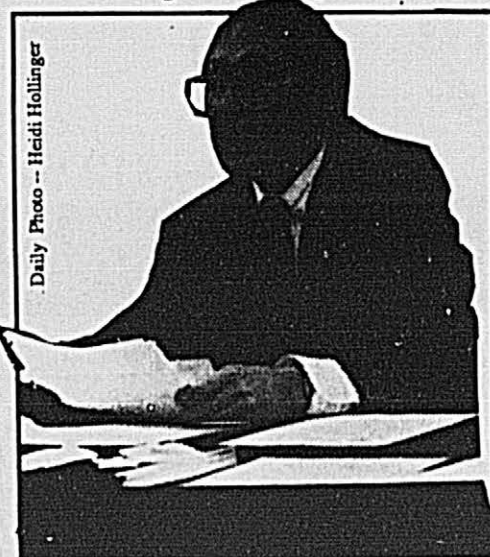
by Megan Parry
and Eric Smith

The devastation caused by the *contra* war in Nicaragua was the focus of three speaking events last week.

The Concordia Central America Committee sponsored presentations by Moises Hassan Morales, mayor of Managua, John Linder, and two representatives of the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour, Juan Ortega and Carmen Diaz.

"We have to invest 50 percent of our national budget in the war. The young people who could be working, studying or teaching have to be taking part in this war to defend their country," said Morales.

Juan Ortega of the Youth Tour emphasized the effects of the war on Nicaraguan youth. He is forfeiting his university career to fight.



Moises Hassan Morales, mayor of Managua.

"I want to go because I want to defend the rights of the Nicaraguan people," he said.

"The war fuels inflation and economic inefficiency. We can't say that if the war ended we (the FSLN) could automatically solve these problems, but if it did a large amount of materials could be diverted from the war towards things that for hundreds of years have been waiting to be done."

The war which has been going on since 1981 is the result of counter-revolutionary groups made up mainly by former Nicaraguan Leader Anastasio Somoza's National Guard who are attempting to regain the power they lost in the 1979 revolution.

Campaign of Sabotage

"The contras want to restore the system that existed when Somoza was in power. We have the will to stop the war but we're defenseless against the contras with their U.S. support."

"The contras, in spite of their huge material resources, have been unable to create an internal front. If you don't have a social base you're bound to fail. The Nicaraguans, at the risk of their own lives and the lives of their families and without any material support, have helped us," Morales said.

One of the victims of the *contra* attacks was Ben Linder, an American engineer who was working in Nicaragua. His brother John attributes his brother's death directly to the U.S. government. He discussed American intervention and its goal of maintaining its economic interests over the interests of the Nicaraguan people.

"The war is for big business. The communist scare is the excuse," he said.

On this day in 1981, *The McGill Daily* became an autonomous student-run corporation, after a two-year battle for autonomy from Students' Society. The staff of *The Daily* at the time were acting with the belief that editorial freedom could be guaranteed only by achieving financial freedom from administrations and student associations.

The final plenary at CUP 44, Canadian University Press's national conference in 1981, adopted the principle of newspaper autonomy as a standing resolution of its constitution. Since then, ten papers have achieved autonomy.

The problem with autonomy, one that was discussed innumerable times in the early eighties, was that students would be unwilling to approve of fee increases for an autonomous paper, not so much out of antipathy as apathy and a general desire to pay less and get more. Opponents said that newspaper autonomy was a one way ticket to journalistic self-immolation.

Last week, McGill students proved them wrong.

When McGill students voted 1093 to 727 in favour of *The Daily* fee increase, they approved the first increase for an autonomous paper, since such a beast has existed in Canada. This turns the tide of failure for the free student press in Canada. Autonomous papers across Canada, of all political stripes, have met with only frustration trying to get more money out of students at every turn.

For *The Daily's* part, the money is something we've needed for years—twelve in fact. If budgets could speak, *The Daily's* would be full of thanks for the students who supported us at the polls, for the people who spoke in classes on behalf of the paper and to the staff reps on the Board of Directors who formed the 'Yes' committee.

The additional funding will go far. Next semester, the *Daily* will actually be a daily, for the first time in five years. In addition, we will also be able to improve our equipment's productive capacity.

This is an important moment in the *Daily's* history for which the undersigned are extremely grateful. Thanks McGill.

Staff of the McGill Daily

Morales said, "The U.S. government has spent billions of dollars on the contras and to depict the Sandinistas as brutal [warriors]. In spite of the seven year publicity war against us, the surveys show that the majority of the American people don't support the contras."

John Linder echoed this sentiment as he discussed the reactions he had encountered on his tour of the U.S. In his view, the attitudes towards the Sandinistas are changing. "The number of Americans who go to work in Nicaragua has doubled since Ben's death."

But, he warned of the danger of another Vietnam. "Ultimately, the Nicaraguan government will not be overthrown by the contras and that is why the danger of U.S. intervention exists."

Morales sees negotiation with the contras as impossible. "Without a telephone, the contras can't compromise. If they could get Reagan or Schultz to sit with them, then they would negotiate."

Capital city bursting at seams

Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, is suffering the repercussions of the war. "The war

in Managua is economic and psychological. The peasants are fleeing the countryside where their homes and crops are being burned in *contra* attacks. One third of the population of Nicaragua now live in the capital. Managua sits in an area of thirty two fault lines and has little protection against frequent flooding," he said.

The city has never recovered from the devastating earthquake of 1972 during the Somoza period which destroyed the downtown core. "The earthquake relief funds went into Somoza's pockets," explained Morales.

The Sandinistas are trying to stop the influx of people from the rural areas to the capital through "agrarian reform and by providing them with the things that exist in cities to which they have a right such as work, housing and education. But that's not enough. What we need is an end to the war."

John Linder said, "Ben was killed by a policy, the way to remember him is to change that policy."

Carmen Diaz summed up the Nicaraguan peoples position on the war. "All we want from the U.S. government is peace."

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Caught napping in the library

by Heather Hueston

Like many other people, McGill student Chantal Mercier fell asleep twice in one week while studying for mid-terms in the Sir John MacDonald lounge of Redpath Undergraduate library. But Mercier was also woken up twice by a security guard and told to get her feet off the chair she was using as a footstool.

The first time it happened she

says she "just took it," although she later put a complaint in Redpath's suggestion box. The second time, "I was pissed off, especially since this was right during mid-term week. I said to him, I know you're not supposed to talk or eat here, but where does it say you can't sleep?"

Mercier says that later in the discussion the guard told her he might have to cut off the privilege of using the library if she continued the disruptions.

Mercier explains that she is hard pressed to find time to sleep and study due to long hours at her part-time job and the situation at her apartment, where "it's party time constantly."

Rowing gently down what stream?

by Brent Lokash

The McGill Rowing Club has been caught in a dispute in the last weeks of what has been an excellent season.

night we received a clear statement from the city's planning office that the city would be happy to sit down with the University to discuss some sort of master plan."

However, the same official also said on Thursday that it was a principle "not to allow the Athletics Complex to be built within the proposed boundaries of the heritage zone, not an argument over two-thirds of an acre."

"In the next six weeks the Consultative Committee will present an opinion to the city. Then the city will pass a by-law. Whether the city pays attention to the Consultative Committee recommending is another question," said Kingdon. "I'm hopeful that we'll be able to work something out."

"Everybody has three basic needs," says Mercier, "the first two, food and washrooms, are available on campus. But there is nowhere for students to rest." In her letter of complaint, Mercier suggests that the library administration set aside an area "where students could study while lying down on cushions."

The library's response is posted beside Mercier's letter on the "sounding Board." The memo, signed by Wayne McConnell, Undergraduate Reference Librarian, says that sleeping isn't the issue. Study seats are limited and guards are instructed to ask people to use one chair only and keep their feet off the furniture. The memo

states that guards do not bother people who observe these rules.

When asked whether students were allowed to sleep in the library, a guard at the UL entrance said, "No, this is a place to study, not to sleep. If we let everybody do it, it'd

On October 19, the club was forced to move its training base

from the Olympic Rowing Basin on Ile Notre Dame to a less accessible base on the Lachine Canal after the city drained the basin to prepare it for the winter.

"We close it every year at mid-October to prepare it for skating," said Jean Bertrand, Co-ordinator of Programmes for Club Nautique, the basin administrators.

"The past two years we wrote letters to (Club Nautique), asking them to extend the closing of the basin and they complied," said Bob Dubeau, Director of Athletics at McGill. But this year the club was told that the basin could not remain open.

"The move is an inconvenience since it costs the club an extra \$1200 for busing and coaching boats," said Reid Salwen, club president. "Half the cost is being covered by McGill and the rest by club members."

Bertrand said the basin still has four feet of water and is usable for

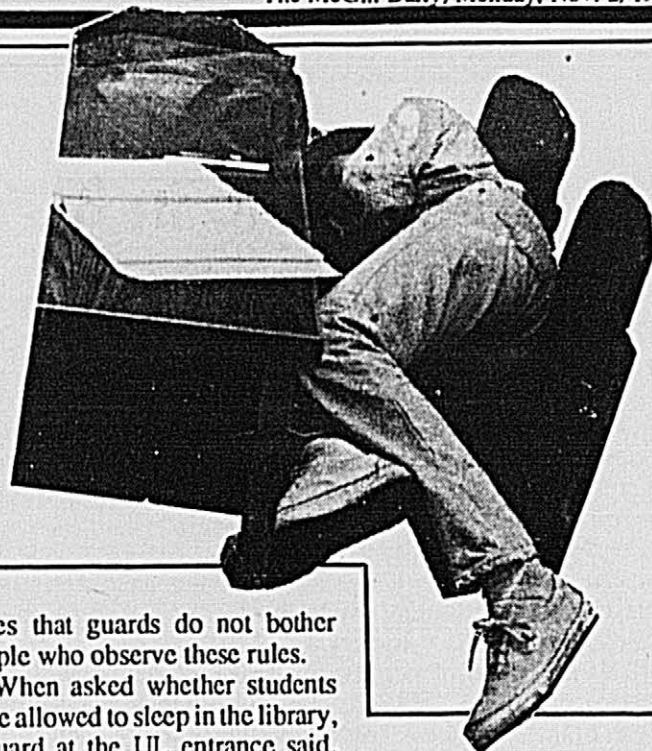
rowing, but according to Salwen, "they took out the docks so there is no access to the water."

Originally constructed for the 1976 Olympics, the basin "could not generate revenue and has turned into a white elephant," said Rob Baxter, an alumnus involved with the club. He added, "The city isn't interested in rowing. They don't give much support or help. But there are two clubs that row on the basin, and McGill is the most consistent user."

The city closes the basin before it freezes over, but Baxter points out that "according to the St. Lawrence Seaway Survey, the St. Lawrence River, which is right beside the basin, hasn't frozen before December 1. Why build a \$22 million rowing basin and use it for a skating rink?"

Asked if the commute to Lachine would hurt the club's chances at the OUAA finals, Salwen said, "When you reduce the amount of time you can train, you reduce the chances for good results."

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be a dormitory. But if a student is tired and naps for say, five or ten minutes, that's different."

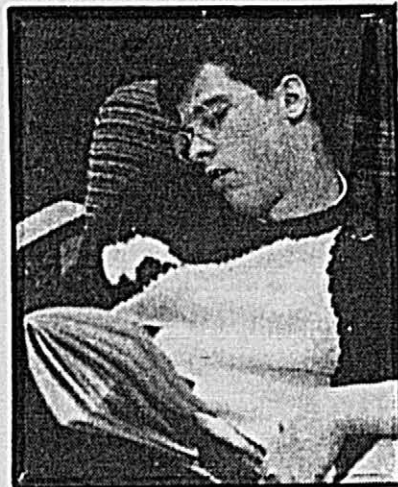
According to Donald Albert, Director of Security for Redpath and McLennan libraries, the problem is not so much students sleeping as it is of street people coming in ("some with pillows") to use Redpath as a flophouse.

As for sleepy students, Albert says the guards take "under consideration if a student has just dozed off and is not just deliberately sleeping." He said the guards wake students by tapping on their chair. "We don't put our hands on people."

A survey of students in the arm-chairs of the Sir John Library turned up the following results: all had dropped off while studying there, but only two had been awakened by guards.

One student said he had no idea why the guard woke him as he had been asleep for only five or ten minutes and the library wasn't crowded. Another student said while he had never had any problems but "sometimes you'll get an asshole who'll wake you up by pulling the chair out from under your feet."

Undergraduate Services Librarian Marilyn Cohen was unavailable for comment on the library's official policy on snoozing.



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"We're not looking to add another bureaucracy. The city could impose conditions, but in most cases it wouldn't," said Julia Gersovitz, Heritage Site Committee member. "The jurisdiction only

extends to the exterior of the buildings. On a day to day basis, you wouldn't be hindered by a complicated process."

Kingdon worried about what regulations the City could impose. "There are no ground rules," he said, "we have no idea what the city will consider. This is what the problem has been with the Athletics Complex."

Kingdon added, "On Wednesday

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Abortion clinic in BC?

VANCOUVER (CUP) They're expecting police arrests and attempted closure by the government, but a coalition of B.C. groups is determined to open the province's first free-standing abortion clinic.

The broad-based B.C. Coalition for Abortion Clinics (BCCAC) is part of a national campaign to de-criminalize abortion, and establish free-standing clinics throughout Canada to provide safe, supportive and accessible abortion services to women.

Coalition organizers say the Vancouver-based clinic is long-awaited, as many women seeking an abortion are dangerously delayed by bureaucratic hospital boards, or forced to travel outside the province or country.

"This is a matter of safe abortion is part of that fundamental right to medical care," she said, "A women's right to safe abortion is part of that fundamental right to medical care," she said.

Government women's cte not representative of women

EDMONTON (CUP) Critics came down hard on a new report on the status of women by the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues (AACWI).

The council recently published a list of "20 Recommendations for action" on daycare, health, family violence, pay equity, minimum wage, and native, immigrant and visible minority women's programmes.

While Marie Laing, New Democratic women's critic, called the 18 month effort well-researched, she said the council itself was not representative of Alberta women.

"About one-third of the women come from a business background and there was no one there from the service sector," said Laing. "This meant that day care received most input, with health care and family violence as the next most important."

Luanne Armstrong from the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee came down hard on the council's vagueness on abortion and family violence.

"In Alberta, we have a crisis in that most women have to go over the border to Montana and Washington because Alberta doctors won't do abortions after the government banned extra-billing a year ago," said Armstrong.

High jinx highly offensive, students get fined

HALIFAX (CUP) Two students at St. Mary's University were evicted from residence after they allegedly shaved a seven-week-old kitten's fur off, painted it with correction fluid, drugged it, and threw it out a twelfth floor window to its death.

Charges have been laid against Steve Stokes, 18, and a minor who, due to the Young Offenders Act, cannot be identified.

Cruelty to animals is punishable by a \$500 fine or a jail term not exceeding six months.

... upstart SSMU

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In order to 'avoid alienating students from participating in the protests', SSMU opted to call the event a day of action rather than of a day of strike.

"If McGill wants to call it a day of action, that's OK. But the impact is different when you call it a strike. If you call it a strike, people will go to the demonstration. People may choose to go to class if it is called a day of action," said Latour.

"Calling it a day of action is not taking away from McGill's involvement. It is a day of action more than a strike. The students going to Québec City will be generally supporting ANEEQ," said Coté.

"Other provinces are looking up to Québec. They say that in Québec [the funding situation] is a little better and we should have what they have. They have gained things that way," said Latour.

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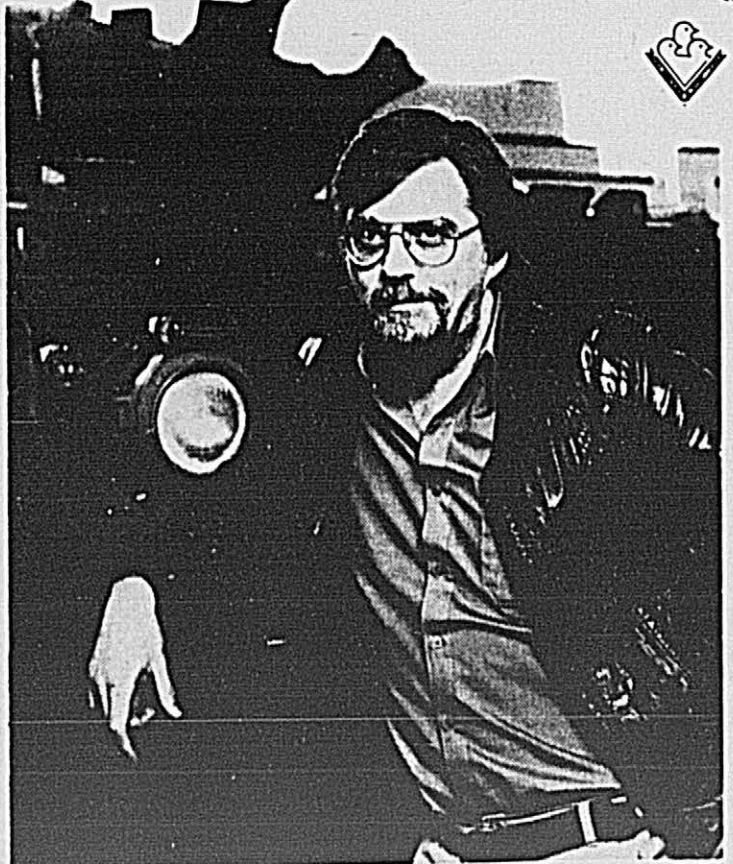
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